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The Honorable Roger Nober  
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1925 K Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20423

~~Dear Secretary Nober:~~

I write to express my continued support for the renewal of the National Classification Committee (NCC) Agreement. I understand you have reopened your periodic five-year review of the NCC's Section 5a Agreement and I would like my comments added to the record.

It has been my long-held belief that the efficient operation of the motor carrier industry, and its ability to serve both shippers and consumers alike, depends on the continuation of commodity classifications. No system other than the National Motor Freight Classification as maintained under the NCC Agreement provides for the grouping of products with comparable characteristics, or the separation of products that are dissimilar, for transportation purposes.

For these reasons, I would support as being in the public interest the renewal of the National Classification Committee Agreement.

With warm regard, I am

Sincerely,



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